(ग) यदि हां, तो उक्त एकक को दाहोद से स्थानांतरित न होने देने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं; और

(घ) देश में ऐसे कितने अन्य डीजल इंजन और लोको शेड मरम्मत एकक कार्यरत हैं और क्या उनमें से कुछ एककों के बन्द होने की संभावना है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी नहीं। दाहोद में कोई डीज़ल रेल इंजन शेड नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) भारतीय रेलों पर 62 डीजल रेल इंजन शेड हैं। उनमें से किसी भी डीज़ल रेल इंजन शेड को बंद करने का फिलहाल कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

MEA Officials views on Pakistan

2212. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "MEA Officials for tougher line on Pakistan", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 2nd August, 1995; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Government have seen the news item captioned "MEA officials for tougher line of Pakistan" which appeared in the Times of India of 2nd August, 1995.

(b) Government's foreign policy, including, its policy towards Pakistan, is formulated in the overall national interest.

Role of ITI under National Telecom Policy

2213. SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Sector ITI Ltd. is now required to produce and supply telecom equipments wanted by the Deptt. of Telecom (DOT) based on lowest quotations by competing with Private Sector on a level playing field;

(b) whether the Private Sectors alongwith foreign companies is now also allowed to enter the basic telecom services while the ITI Ltd. is not being permitted to do so under the National Telecom Policy;

(c) if so, whether Government would revise this decision and agree to allow the ITI Ltd. to enter the basic telecom services; and

(d) what are the plans of Government to provide an effective role to the ITI Ltd. in the light of the National Telecom Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. However, with a view to utilise optimally infrastructure of the two PSUs viz. ITI & HTL under Ministry of Communications, the Ministry is following a policy under which 30 to 35% of total DOT orders are kept reserved for ITI & HTL, taken together, for those items which they manufacture. However, this policy is without any compromise in respect of quality, delivery schedule and pricing. The pricing is governed by the process of tendering.

(b) Indian companies registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 except the Government Companies have been permitted to bid against the tender floated for the provision of Basic Telecom Services.

(c) It has been decided to preclude the Government Companies including ITI from the basic services as these undertakings have been established by the Government for specific purposes and have sufficient potential for growth in their respective areas. Moreover, Government is keen to ensure a